

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

YUQI CAI ET. AL.

CASE NO.: DC8509USPCT

APPLICATION NO.: 10/562480

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8170

GROUP ART UNIT: 1795

EXAMINER: STEVEN M. SCULLY

FILED: July 02, 2004

FOR: FUEL CELL COLLECTOR PLATES CONTAINING GRAFTED POLYOLEFINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By Office Action dated September 23, 2008, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict.

The Examiner has required an election of a single invention from the following Groups:

Group I: Claims 31-39, drawn to an electrically conductive article.

Group II: Claims 40-46, drawn to an electrically conductive field separator plate.

Group III: Claims 47-53, drawn to a method of making a conductive field separator plate.

Group IV: Claims 54-56, drawn to a process for making a conductive field separator plate.

Applicants elect Group I: Claims 31-39 for prosecution, without traverse. Claims 40 – 56 are hereby withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected inventions.

The Examiner has required restriction between product and process claims. Applicant has elected claims directed to a product. As noted by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, where Applicant has elected claims directed to a product, and the product claims are subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise require all the limitation of the allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the withdrawn process claims 47 – 56 for rejoinder.

In light of above, Applicants respectfully request examination of pending claims 31-39.

Respectfully submitted,

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